

Amendments to the ClaimsWhat is claimed is:

1. (Original) An audio information transmission device comprising:

5 a user interface, a position detection system, an information server, and a playback manager, wherein,

the user interface provides a user with an ability to submit queries to a database, and further provides location-specific information back to the user;

the position detection system is comprised of a variety of complimentary devices that
A1 10 provide user position data to assist with the user-generated queries;

the information server provides a means for communicating the queries and the position data to the database, and further provides a means for communicating references to the playback manager; and,

the playback manager provides a means for delivering location-specific information
15 to the user interface.

2. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 1 wherein said position detection system further provides orientation data to assist with user-generated queries.

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3. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 1 wherein said playback manager further provides preference-filtered information to the user interface.

4. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 2 wherein said location-specific information is spatially enhanced based on the user position and orientation data to appear to be coming from a location or object with which the information is associated.
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5. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 1 wherein said location-specific information is provided to the user as text.
6. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 1 wherein said location-specific information that is only available as text is automatically converted from text to a user-selected spoken language.
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7. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 1 wherein said location-specific audio information is automatically translated from a spoken language to another spoken language of the user's choice.
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8. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 1 wherein said information server is either a distributed Internet-based information server networked to a plurality of information sources or a dedicated independent server.
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9. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 1 wherein said location specific information has an ability to be user-annotated or user-modified.

10. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 9 wherein said location-specific information has an ability to be user-annotated or user-modified provided the user has administrative authorization.

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11. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 1 wherein said user interface a two-way communications device.

12. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 11, wherein said two-way communications device is selected from the group consisting of a wireless phone, a mobile phone, a traditional phone, a fixed or mobile transceiver, and a computer.

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13. (Original) The audio information transmission device of claim 2 configured to provide location-specific information based on an expected user destination determined from the user orientation data.

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14. (Original) A method of providing audio information comprising the steps of: providing a user interface whereby a user submits queries to a database;

20 utilizing a position detection system comprised of a variety of position devices to generate user position;

communicating the queries and the position data through an information server to the database;

communicating location-specific information through the information server to a playback manager;

5 utilizing the playback manager to send the information to the user interface; and,
utilizing the user-interface to communicate the information to the user.

15. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **14** wherein the position detection system further collects user orientation data.

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16. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **15** wherein said location-specific information is spatially-enhanced based on the user position and orientation data to appear to be coming from an area or object with which the information is associated.

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17. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **14** wherein said location-specific information is available as text.

18. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **17** wherein said

20 location-specific information that is only available as text is automatically converted from text to a user-selected spoken language.

19. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **14** wherein said location-specific audio information is automatically translated from a spoken language foreign to the user to a language of a user's choice.

5 20. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **14** wherein said information server is either a distributed Internet-based information server networked to a plurality of information sources or a dedicated independent server.

10 21. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **14** wherein said location-specific information has an ability to be user-annotated or user-modified.

22. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **21** wherein said location-specific information has an ability to be user-annotated or user-modified provided the user has administrator authorization.

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23. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **14** wherein said user interface is a two-way communications device.

20 24. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **15** configured to provide location-specific information based on expected user destination inferred from the user orientation data.

25. (Original) The method of providing audio information of claim **14** configured to provide location-specific information based on the user's expected destination as determined from user input.

5 26. (New) An information delivery system comprising:

a database comprised of data associated with a plurality of specific geographic locations;

a user interface allowing a user to determine a user-specified-specific-geographic location; and

10 an information server associated with the database and the user interface, wherein the information server assists with querying the database based upon the user-specified-specific-geographic location and returns data associated with the user-specified-specific-geographic location to the user through the user interface.

15 27. (New) An information delivery system as set forth in Claim 26 further comprising a position detection system that provides the user-specified-specific-geographic location.

20 28. (New) An information delivery system as set forth in Claim 27, wherein the position detection system further provides orientation data to assist with user-generated queries.

29. (New) An information delivery system as set forth in Claim 28, wherein the data associated with the user-specified-specific-geographic location provided to the user is based upon an expected user destination determined from the orientation data.

5 30. (New) An information delivery system as set forth in Claim 28, wherein the data associated with the user-specified-specific-geographic location is spatially enhanced based on the user's position and orientation to appear to be coming from a location with which the data is associated.

AI 10 31. (New) An information delivery system as set forth in Claim 26, wherein data associated with the user-specified-specific-geographic location is provided to the user as text.

15 32. (New) An information delivery system as set forth in Claim 26, wherein data associated with the user-specified-specific-geographic location that is available as text is automatically converted from text to a user-selected spoken language.

20 33. (New) An information delivery system as set forth in Claim 26, wherein the database and the information server are either a distributed Internet-based information server networked to a plurality of information sources or a dedicated independent server.

34. (New) The information delivery system as set forth in Claim 26, wherein a user may annotate or modify the data associated with the plurality of specific geographic locations in the database.

5 35. (New) A method for information delivery comprising acts of:
choosing a user-specified-specific-geographic location;
querying a database based upon the user-specified-specific-geographic location; and
returning data associated with the user-specified-specific-geographic location to a
user.

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36. (New) A method for information delivery as set forth in Claim 35, wherein the act of choosing a user-specified-specific-geographic location is performed by utilizing a position detection system, wherein the user-specified-specific-geographic location is a user's position.

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37. (New) A method for information delivery as set forth in Claim 36, wherein the position detection system further provides user orientation data.

38. (New) A method for information delivery as set forth in Claim 37, wherein the act
20 of returning the data further comprises an act of spatially enhancing the data based on the user's position and orientation data to appear to be coming from a location with which the data is associated.

39. (New) A method for information delivery as set forth in Claim 35, wherein in the act of returning the data the data is returned as text.

AI 5 40. (New) A method for information delivery as set forth in Claim 35, wherein the act of returning the data includes an act of determining if the data is available as text, and if so, converting the text to a user-selected spoken language.

10 41. (New) A method for information delivery as set forth in Claim 35 further comprising an act of allowing a user to modify or annotate data associated with a plurality of specific geographic locations.
